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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

Sir:

Filing fee calculation:

- ☒ Before calculating the filing fee, please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.
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Basic Filing Fee							\$	0
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (\$ 290)							\$	
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Extra Claims	Total Claims	26	-20	6	x	\$ 18	=	\$ 108
	Independent Claims	3	-3	0	x	\$ 86	=	\$
TOTAL FILING FEE							\$	108

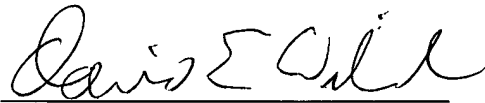
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Respectfully submitted,



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